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Applicant : Shinichi SATO et al. Customer No.: 7055  
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For : IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND IMAGE PROCESSING  
METHOD

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir :

In response to the Final Official Action dated December 6, 2004, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on March 7, 2005 (March 6, 2005 falling on a Sunday), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendment to the drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.